

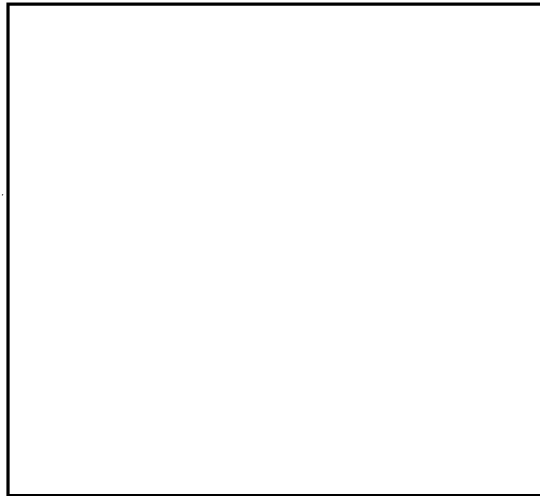
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Minutes of the Agency Contract Review Board

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PRESENT:



1. The Board convened at 1000 hours to review the presentation of findings on [redacted] and to make recommendations on [redacted]

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2. [redacted] opened the meeting with a review of the background situation which culminated in the [redacted] investigation undertaken by [redacted]. The written results of the investigation were provided to the Board members to read and comment upon. A general discussion of the [redacted] case ensued in which the findings and policy recommendations were reviewed for their reasonableness as first measures to resolve Agency procurement problems. [redacted] the DD/I representative, was of the opinion that the Executive Director-Comptroller might very well take additional, stronger, corrective measures if he concurred in the basic findings and recommendations set forth in the [redacted] report. The DD/P representative, [redacted] raised several questions concerning the recommendation for stronger interface between Agency technical management and contractor management. He questioned whether an actual recommendation had to appear in the report feeling that perhaps this was a matter which should be reserved to Office Directors. The Chairman

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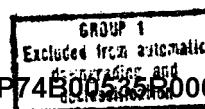
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suggested that perhaps the recommendation, with regard to the interface, could be based on a dollar level and that senior Agency management would interface with contractor's management on contracts exceeding some specified dollar value. It was the general consensus that the recommendation for management interface was quite broad and, therefore, a matter which could certainly be administered within the Directorates. [ ] the DD/S&T member, questioned the tone of the [ ] report believing that it was not strong enough. He pointed specifically to a statement in the report that "contractual coverage was provided by the [ ] after the fact." It was his opinion that it was not proper to provide after the fact contractual coverage. [ ] also felt he could not accept the report's conclusion that the LAMS equipment was invaluable, it being his opinion that without more study he was not in a position to concur in a conclusion regarding the value or quality of the equipment produced by [ ]. The Chairman stated that in the future the Office of Logistics would take steps to prevent "after the fact contractual coverage." [ ] disagreed with the number of technical officers [ ] which the report used in comparing technical officers vs. contracting officers.

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3. After further discussion, the Chairman reviewed several suggestions offered by Board members on the Board's conclusions on the [ ] report, and these were discussed at length. [ ] suggested that the Board might conclude that the [ ] report was a useful document which should be forwarded to [ ]. Finally the Chairman suggested that a draft would be prepared of the general consensus of the Board and forwarded to each member for review. The Chairman also offered to reconvene the Board for further study of the [ ] report if this appeared to be the desire of the members. [ ] felt further review would not be necessary on his part. After some further discussion on this point, [ ] with agreement of the Board, concluded the discussion on [ ] and departed, turning the Chairmanship over to [ ] for review of the [ ] case.

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4. The [ ] was presented to the Board by [ ] PMS/ORD. [ ] assumed Acting Chairmanship from [ ] who could not be present for the case. [ ] submitted an unsolicited proposal to ARPA dated 5 January 1972 to undertake a theoretical study to identify and evaluate covert active trailing concepts. ARPA has provided [ ] to the Agency to act as an agent of ARPA to implement this program contractually since it was not able to do so itself. DSD/OSI and ORD are the interested technical offices, with ORD acting as program manager. Fiscal year 1972 funding will be utilized for a

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10 month program to work on the CAT concept for ASW applications. A cost analysis was completed and no major negotiating problems are anticipated by the negotiator. The Board concluded the case with a recommendation to the Director of Logistics that the procurement be approved for negotiation.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 1200 hours.



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